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1. SUMMARY: COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES CONTINUED CONSIDERATION
OF LOS CONFERENCE PROPOSAL TO CONVENE NEXT SESSION ON
29 MARCH, 1976. SECRETARIAT PROPOSED FEBRUARY STARTING
DATE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICES BUT IS OPPOSED BY
AFRICANS BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING.
POSSIBLE COMPROMISE APPEARS LIKELY WITH 2 OF 3 WEEKS EARLIER
STARTING DATE (I.E., 8 OR 15 MARCH), TRANSFERRING OTHER
COMMITTEES, AND DELAY IN VONCENING SPRING ECOSOC SESSION.
END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARIAT DISTRIBUTED STUDY OF SCHEDULING CONFLICTS
FOR PROPOSED 29 MARCH - 21 MAY 1976 SESSION OF THE LAW
OF THE SEA CONFERENCE TO UN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES ON 18
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JUNE (COPY POUCHED TO BAPS-SAULS AND D/LOS: ATTN. ESKIN).
LEVEL OF SERVICING REQUIREMENTS FOR EIGHT WEEK SESSION
ARE ESTIMATED AS SIX SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS WITH FOUR HAVING FULL
INTERPRETATION AND TWO WITH REDUCED INTERPRETATION FOR SUCH
MEETINGS AS REGIONAL GROUPS, (I.E., TWELVE MEETINGS PER

DAY). REQUIREMENT FOR SUMMARY RECORDS IS ESTIMATED AS FOUR PER DAY (DOWN FROM SIX AT LAST SESSION). COST ESTIMATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. GENEVA, 19 JANUARY - 5 MARCH : ALL CONFERENCE STAFF TO BE RECRUITED: \$2,035,000 (7 WEEKS).
- B. NEW YORK, 2 FEBURARY - 9 APRIL : WITH RESCHEDULING THREE NON-LOS MEETINGS: \$1,700,000 (8 WEEKS BUT DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS ONLY 10 EETINGS PER DAY).
- C. NEW YORK, 29 MARCH - 21 MAY : RESCHEDULE TWO MEETINGS, (S AND TSC OF OUTER SPACE, AND COMMITTEE ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION), AND TRANSFER SPRING SEYSION OF ECOSOC TO GENEVA: \$1,700,000 HOWEVER SECRETARIAT CAUTIONS ECOSOC TRANSFER WOULD MEAN SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL EXPENSE AND GENEVA STAFF VERY POSSIBLY COULD NOT HANDLE THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

3. REPORT CONCLUDES WITH OBSERVATION THAT TO ENSURE BEST SERVICING WITH FEWEST DISRUPTIONS THE 19 JANUARY - 15 MARCH GENEVA SESSION OR 2 FEBRUARY - 9 APRIL, NEW YORK SESSION ARE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS.

4. KENYA DELOFF (NJENGA) INTERVENED TO STATE THAT AF GROUP HAS GREAT DIFFICULTIES WITH THOSE PROPOSED DATES BECAUSE OF SCHEDULED MEETING OF OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN FEBRUARY AND POSSIBLE GROUP OF 77 MEETING AFTERWARDS. NJENGA PROPOSED AS A "COMPROMISE" TO HAVE LOSE CONFERENCE CONVENE ON 15 MARCH IN NEW YORK AND DELAY CONVENING ECOSOC FOR TWO WEEKS THEREBY REDUCING OVERLAP TO ONE WEEK (ECOSOC CURRENTLY SCHEDULED 13 APRIL - 14 MAY). U.S. (KELLER) EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR FEBRUARY CONVENING DATE BUT ADDED APPRECIATION FOR KENYAN CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL. UK REP. (BATTISCOMBE) ASKED SECRETARIAT TO STUDY POSSIBLE RESCHEDULING OF ECOSOC IN MARCH TO PROCEED LOS. SECRETARIAT (RUTTLEDGE) POINTED OUT DIFFICULTY OF HOLDING SPRING ECOSOC AT SAME TIME AS FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS SCHEDULED TO MEET.

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5. AT 19 JUNE SESSION SECRETARIAT OFFICER (RUTLEDGE) REVIEWED RE-SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE LOS CONFERENCE FROM 15 MARCH THRU 7 MAY. MAJOR MOVE WOULD INVOLVE POSTPONING ECOSOC TO 27 APRIL THRU 28 MAY. (ACCORDING TO RUTLEDGE THIS DELAY WOULD BE OF SOME HELP FROM VIEWPOINT CONFERENCE SERVICES). LOS CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO EXPECT REDUCED SERVICES FROM 26 APRIL - 7 MAY BECAUSE OF OVERLAP. FURTHER RESCHEDULING WOULD INVOLVE TRANSFER TO S AND TSC OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA, AND COMMITTEE ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA.

6. US (KELLER) REQUESTED SECRETARIAT TO STUDY POSSIBILITY

OF CONVEING LOS CONFERENCE ON 8 MARCH TO CUT DOWN ON
OVERLAP WITH ECOSOC AT END OF SESSION. COMMITTEE ON
CONFERENCE WILL MEETI AGAIN 25 JUNE ON THIS ISSUE.
(COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO SUGGESTION OF CONVENING
THE LOS CONFERENCE ANY LATER THAN MARCH. END COMMENT).
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